

SEA SHELLS
OF
SRI LANKA

INCLUDING FORMS SCATTERED
THROUGHOUT THE INDIAN AND
PACIFIC OCEANS

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TO

MY WIFE AND CHILDREN

*recalling the many happy days we have squandered
by the sea*

dark reticulations on creamish background. Length 42 mm. (1.65 in.).

14. *Olivancillaria hiatula* Spire tall, body whorl slender; callus on columella extends over whorls of spire. Body whorl grey except for cream band along anterior margin. Length 22 mm. (.87 in.).
15. *Olivancillaria gibbosa* (Born) Stout, heavy shell; spire short; body whorl inflated, especially posteriorly; thick callus on columella extends over whorls of spire. Surface of body whorl covered with dense brown reticulations on white background; row of brown markings along anterior margin of body whorl and similar but shorter row on fasciole. Length 44 mm. (1.73 in.).
16. *Agaronia cinnamomea* (Lamarck) Spire short, conical, suture filled in with callus. Body whorl rather barrel-shaped, marked by two close-set grooves anteriorly. Aperture of shell wide, outer lip bears minute tooth on margin, posteriorly; columellar border of aperture strongly twisted. Suture between apex and body whorl chestnut in colour with whitish band below. Body whorl cinnamon brown. Length 22 mm. (.87 in.).

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1. *Subula maculata* (Linnaeus) Stout, thick shell; spire tapering markedly to apex. Surface flesh-coloured with spiral rows of rectangular dark spots or smaller dots. Length 92 mm. (3.62 in.).
2. *Duplicaria duplicata* (Linnaeus) Each whorl of shell divided by spiral groove slightly above middle

of whorl; surface has flattened longitudinal ribs. Purplish with white spiral band above suture. Length 86 mm. (3.39 in.).

3. *Subula crenulata* (Linnaeus) Shell turreted at suture with row of nodules on anterior side of the suture. Flesh-coloured, with spiral rows of brown dots. Length 76 mm. (2.99 in.).
4. *Subula dimidiata* (Linnaeus) Spiral groove at about a third of height of each whorl from suture; surface mainly smooth but for longitudinal ribs towards apex. Orange, with streaks and bands of white. Length 91 mm. (3.58 in.).
5. *Impagus confusa* (Smith) Surface of body whorls marked by many weak longitudinal striae. Purplish brown, with spiral rows of spots forming dark band below suture. Length 52 mm. (2.05 in.).
6. *Triplostephanus lima* (Deshayes) Surface of shell has longitudinal ridges and grooves constricted below suture. Greyish brown. Length 52 mm. (2.05 in.).
7. *Cinguloterebra serotina* (Adams and Reeve) Surface of shell has about 20 whorls, each whorl encircled by four granular ridges, largest most posterior. Cream-coloured. Length 42 mm. (1.65 in.).
8. *Abrettiella cerithina* (Lamarck) Short shell; sides of whorls convex, each whorl grooved at about middle; surface of basal whorls nearly smooth but apical whorls longitudinally ridged. Flesh-coloured, with brownish longitudinal streaks. Length 34 mm. (1.34 in.).
9. *Terebra subulata* (Linnaeus) Whorls slightly inflated subsuturally; surface shiny, with very faint spi-

ral and longitudinal striae and bearing large, brown, rectangular spots arranged spirally on white background. Length 106 mm. (4.17 in.).

10. *Terebra guttata* (Röding) Whorls somewhat inflated subsuturally; spiral row of granules below suture in apical whorls. Orange brown, with two spiral rows of white spots on body whorl and single row on other whorls. Length 84 mm. (3.31 in.).
11. *Terebra commaculata* (Gmelin) Sides of whorls straight; subsutural zone slightly raised; surface has spiral and faint longitudinal striae. Yellow background with elongated brown clouding. Length 74 mm. (2.91 in.).
12. *Myurella pretiosa* (Reeve) Subsutural zone raised; whorls marked by faint spiral striae and curved longitudinal folds. Dirty white. Length 56 mm. (2.20 in.).

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1. *Lambis lambis* (Linnaeus) Body of shell spindle-shaped; shoulder has nodule; surface has close-set spiral ridges; wing-like outer lip of aperture prolonged into seven finger-like channelled processes. Outer surface brownish on whitish background; interior of aperture pinkish and flesh-coloured. Length 204 mm. (8.03 in.).
2. *Lambis chiragra* (Linnaeus) Heavy shell; row of large nodules on shoulder and shallower ones on lower part of body; six spines arising from outer lip and projecting on all sides of shell; margin of outer lip thick-

ened. Surface of shell has brown streaks on white background; aperture dark purple; inside of aperture has purple and white streaks. Length 233 mm. (9.17 in.).

3. *Lambis scorpio* (Linnaeus) Body short; nodules on whorls; surface has raised spiral striae; outer lip of aperture produced into seven processes, of which terminals longer than curved laterals which bear nodules. Outer surface has brownish markings on white background; interior of aperture ridged, these ridges white on purple background. Length 174 mm. (6.85 in.).
4. *Lambis crocata* (Linklater) Body short with spiral rows of nodules on outer surface and spiral striae; nodules on shoulder larger; outer lip has seven processes, some curled backwards. Interior of aperture deep orange. Length 108 mm. (4.25 in.).

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1. *Terebellum terebellum* (Linnaeus) Shell elongate spindle; inner lip of aperture longer than outer. Light and dark brown spots on white background, dark brown spots lying in spiral rows. Length 40 mm. (1.57 in.).
2. *Janthina janthina* (Linnaeus) Spire low; somewhat angular shoulder to body whorl. Violet. Diameter 24 mm. (.94 in.).
3. *Tudicla spirillus* Linnaeus Spire low, bearing terminal knob; shoulder of whorls has sharp ridge; body whorl bulbous, with long anterior canal; surface has fine spiral striae; columella stands out as thin longi-

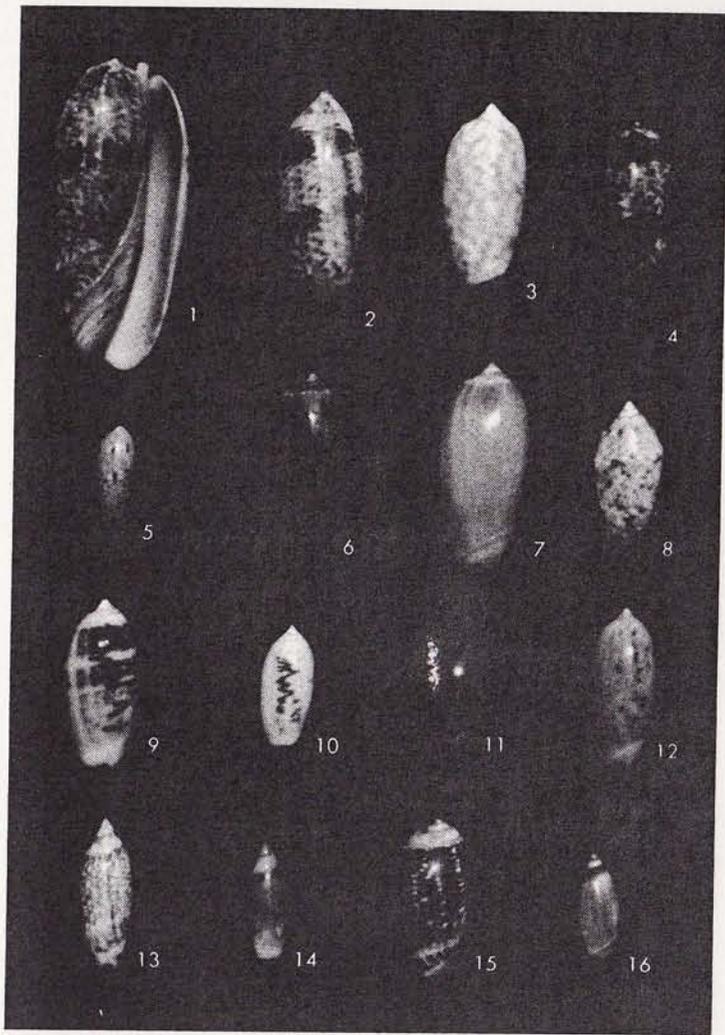


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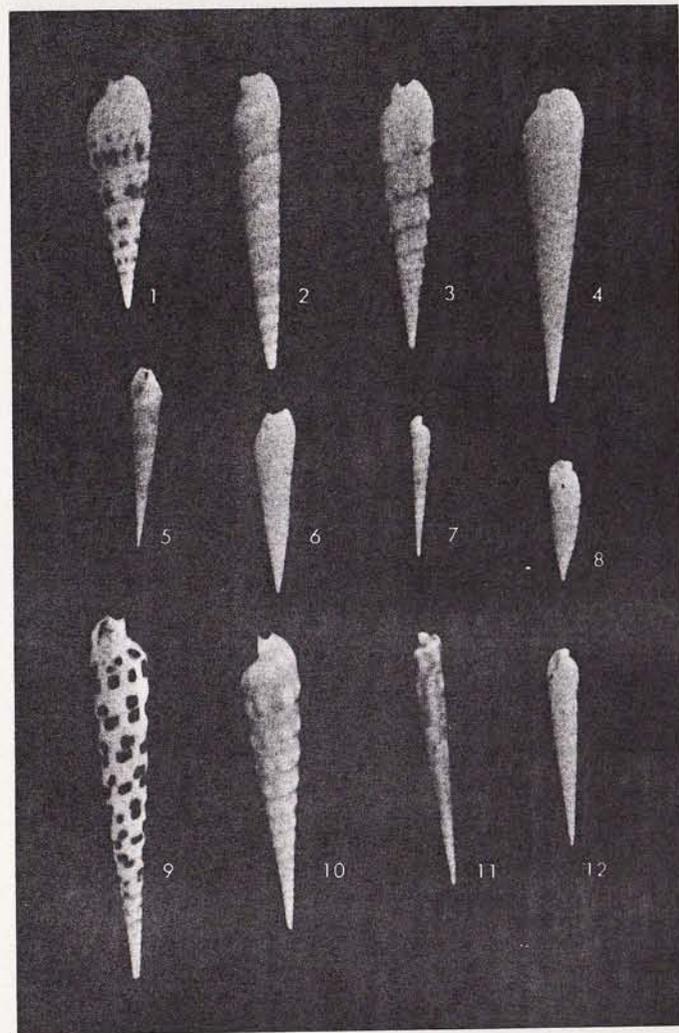


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